GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DEMOLITION OF LORD BUDDHA STATUE IN PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the terrorists have attempted to blow up an ancient statue of Lord Buddha in the violence-hit swat valley in the north-west part of Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the issue has been taken up with the Government of Pakistan in this regard; and

(d) if so, the response of Pakistan in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes.

(b) According to reports, the image has been badly damaged.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.